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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR MAY 22 EWG MEETING

REF: (A) USNATO 2732

ITEM I. APPROVAL OF THE DECISION SHEET OF THE LAST  
MEETING. NO GUIDANCE.

ITEM II. ALLIANCE DEFENSE PROBLEMS FOR THE 1970'S  
(SPRING 1974).

A. RESPONSE TO USNATO 2612 WAS STATE 104387.

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B. USNATO 2650: GUIDANCE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL

C. USNATO 2669: THIS VERSION OF THE BASIC ISSUES REPORT FOR MINISTERS IS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE FIRST DRAFT. OUR COMMENTS BELOW ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS OF THE TEXT.

(1) PARA 94. THE TREATMENT OF SHELTERS FOR US RAPID REACTOR AIRCRAFT ON THE CONTINENT AND IN TURKEY APPARENTLY IS BASED ON SHAPE LETTER, 6100/20-2-2/F56/74, 24 APRIL 1974. BOTH THE US RAPID REACTOR BEDDOWN AND OUR ESTIMATES OF THE COST OF THIRD GENERATION SHELTERS AND THEIR CONCOMITANT PAVEMENT HAVE CHANGED SINCE LAST FALL.

RECOMMEND DISCUSSION OF US PREFINANCING PROGRAM BE CHANGED TO REFLECT THE PROGRAM WE ARE PRESENTING TO THE CONGRESS IN THE FY75 APPROPRIATION REQUEST: "THE UNITED STATES PROPOSE TO PREFINANCE, TO THE EXTENT OF DOLS 62 MILLION, AIRFIELD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR 132 AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THE ACE AREA AND ALSO THEIR SUPPORTING FACILITIES, SUCH AS FUEL AND AMMUNITION." DELETE SHAPE ESTIMATE IN NEXT SENTENCE BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUSLY TOO LITTLE.

(2) PARA 96. THE ESTIMATE OF IAU 19 MILLION FOR A SHELTER PROGRAM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM SEEMS TOO LOW. AN AVERAGE AIRFIELD PROTECTION COST OF DOLS 400,000 FOR EACH OF THE 236 AIRCRAFT, AS OPPOSED TO SHAPE'S 1971 FACTOR OF DOLS 253,000, WOULD TOTAL IAU 28 MILLION (DOLS 95 MILLION). RECOMMEND THAT THIS FIGURE BE RECHECKED AND REFLECTED AS A SHAPE ESTIMATE.

(3) PARA 110. THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS UNDULY PESSIMISTIC. RECOMMEND THAT THE EWG GIVE CREDIT TO THE CURRENT US-SHAPE COOPERATIVE EFFORT IN DEVELOPING AN OPTIMUM MIX METHODOLOGY FOR ACE. SECOND SENTENCE COULD BE CHANGED TO READ "A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE THIS MATTER UNDER REVIEW, AND THE US HAS DEVELOPED A METHOD FOR DERIVING AN OPTIMAL MIX OF AIR DELIVERED ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS WHICH IT IS PROVIDING TO SHAPE."

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(4) PARA 118. THIS REPORT IMPLIES THAT NO COUNTRIES NOW HAVE A 30 DAY LEVEL OF WAR RESERVE STOCKS. RECOMMEND THAT SENTENCE BEGINNING WITH "UP TO NOW NO COUNTRY" BE CHANGED TO READ "UP TO NOW NO COUNTRY WHICH NOW HAS SHORTFALLS..."

ITEM III. STUDY OF RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION.  
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